Mechanics' Bank (Norwegian Seamen's Church) 22 S. Third Street Philadelphia Philadelphia County Pennsylvania

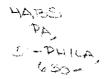
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY		TOWN OR VICINITY	
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA		PHILADELPHIA	
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCL	UDE SOURCE FOR	NAME)		HABS NO.
MECHANICS' BANK				PA-1443
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE				
Norwegian Seamen's Church				
COMPLETE ADDRESS (OESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)				
22 S. Third Street				
		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William Strickland, architect; John Struthers,		
1837		builder (stonemason)		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This small, early 19th century Greek Revival building is one of the last Philadelphia buildings designed by William Strickland. The bank held the property until 1904, and the church bought it in 1930.				
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)				
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Coursed granite ashlar front and stuccoed brick sides and rear.				
SHAPE AND OIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)				
Measures approx. 33' (three-bay front) X 58', two stories high (originally one).				
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Corinthian distyle in antis on front elevation, with two side pilasters and pediment. Large windows, typical of Greek Revival architecture.				
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Banking Room and Directors' Room in one-floor building originally. Plain pilasters with cornices, bookcases, paneled interior shutters and skylight were among the original interior features. Arched brick vault in cellar.				
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Small building added on the south side of and at rear of the banking room, ca. 1855; Interior renovated 1874 by James Windrim; interior altered for use as seamen's church and addition built 1930				
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			,	
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Early 20th century photographic view of the bank is in the possession of the Historical Socie of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., in the "Miscellaneous Banks" file.				
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDIA Webster, Richard. Philadelphia 1837 insurance survey for Mech 1855 follow-up insurance surve	anics' Bank (n	ame of company n	ot known).	
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